

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The town of Hetland, named by citizens after one of the first settlers, was originally surveyed and plotted by the railroad townsite agent, Asa Y. Felton, who with his wife, Lizzie Felton, named the town Felton. Postal authorities later disqualified the name of Felton and the town was renamed; and,

Whereas, The early railroad provided passenger transportation and mail service to Hetland citizens and provided freight service hauling lumber, coal, grain, and other commodities; and,

Whereas, In 1896, Hetland established a farm cooperative store and later a thriving cooperative elevator and telephone service. In 1898, the Congregational Church was built with the help of the people of all denominations who contributed labor, rock, lumber, and money; and,

Whereas, The Hetland community pioneers set a pattern for good family living, fair business practices, high standards, and ideals for the good of the community; and,

Whereas, On October 14, 1986, a program was aired on national television recognizing the town of Hetland, who gained dubious notoriety by being chosen as typical town in the United States affected by the depressed national farm economy; and,

Whereas, The community of Hetland is proud of their past, embraces the present, and hopes for the future. Hetland will proudly celebrate its Quasquicentennial Anniversary in 2013:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 21, 2013, as

HETLAND QUASQUICENTENNIAL DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K Miller Deputy
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State